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SUBJECT: TIN: ITC BUFFER STOCK APPOINTMENTS

REF: A) KUALA LUMPUR 5630; B) LONDON 14580

1. INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL (ITC) EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN ALLEN TELEPHONED U.S. OBSERVER AT HOME OVER WEEKEND TO INFORM HIM THAT ITC IN SESSION ENDING LATE FRIDAY, HAD FINALLY SETTLED ON A BUFFER STOCK MANAGER, P.A.A. DE KONING (OF BILLITON, THE HAGUE), FROM THE NETHERLANDS AND A DEPUTY, B. C. ENGLE (OF CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY) FROM THE UK. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE SOME TIME THIS WEEK.

2. COMMENT: IT IS NOTABLE THAT BOTH APPOINTEES CAME FROM CONSUMER COUNTRIES DESPITE PRESSURE FROM PRODUCERS FOR CANDIDATES FROM THEIR SIDE. APPARENTLY, IN THE END THE ARGUMENT THAT PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE WON OUT, FOR ITS OWN SAKE--AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN THE HOPE THAT MORE CONSUMERS WOULD BE INDUCED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUFFER STOCK FUND BY RESPONSIBLE APPOINTMENTS.

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3. THE ITC IN ITS FINAL COMMUNIQUE ALSO WELCOMED THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT DURING THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION CONCERNING SIGNING THE 5TH AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS THAT OF THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER REGARDING HIS COUNTRY'S INTENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUFFER STOCK.

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